

SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

July 3rd, 2016

“...HE will save us: this is the
LORD; we have waited for
HIM, we will be glad and
rejoice in HIS salvation.”

(ISAIAH 25:9)

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Schedule of Services

Sunday School 10:00 am

Sunday Worship 11:00 am

Wednesday Worship 7:00 pm

Nursery

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

Happy Birthday!

Winna Groover - July 6th

CHRIST SHALL NOT FAIL

HE SHALL NOT FAIL NOR BE DISCOURAGED, TILL HE HAVE SET JUDGMENT IN THE EARTH: AND THE ISLES SHALL WAIT FOR HIS LAW. (ISAIAH 42:4)

To you who believe the gospel of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, this is one of the most precious promises in all scripture (*2 PETER 1:4*). The LORD JESUS CHRIST has been appointed by ALMIGHTY GOD and sent in the fullness of time (*GALATIANS 4:4*) to accomplish all our salvation (*JOHN 17:4*). The success of HIS work is guaranteed by the decree of GOD (*ACTS 2:23; ISAIAH 46:9-12*).

It is sad but true, every sinner has miserably failed to honor GOD and produce a righteousness that would satisfy HIM, *"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God"* (*ROMANS 3:23*). However, this gives us all the more reason to rejoice and trust our GREAT SAVIOUR [and] SURETY that cannot fail (*HEBREWS 7:25*). Although HE met with fierce opposition (*JOHN 19:15*) and had great difficulties to overcome (*HEBREWS 4:15*), HE always went about doing the will and work of GOD with perfection and without fail (*JOHN 4:34*). This leads us to consider what work HE [undertook] as the SAVIOUR and SURETY of HIS covenant people, in which HE did not fail? Think about these things!

HE DID NOT FAIL, to fulfill every type, picture, prophecy and promise recorded in the OLD TESTAMENT scriptures. *"Search the*

scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me" (JOHN 5:39; LUKE 24:25-27,44-46). What GOD promised in the Covenant of Grace our LORD JESUS CHRIST perfectly fulfilled (ROMANS 4:21).

HE DID NOT FAIL, to honor, magnify and exalt the Holy Law of GOD for HIS covenant people, (ISAIAH 42:21). *"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil"* (MATTHEW 5:17). HE established a perfect righteousness for HIS people and sovereignly and freely imputes it unto them (ROMANS 4:4-8; ISAIAH 61:10).

HE DID NOT FAIL, to make complete and eternal atonement for the sin of HIS covenant people, *"but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself"* (HEBREWS 2:17; 9:26). The Good Shepherd gave HIS life as the sacrifice for the sin of HIS sheep (JOHN 10:15; 1 PETER 3:18; 2 CORINTHIANS 5:21).

HE SHALL NOT FAIL, to justify, redeem, sanctify, call and glorify all HIS covenant people. *"Whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified"* (ROMANS 8:30; JOHN 6:37-39; MATTHEW 1:21).

Our very hope of salvation and joy of eternal life is based upon the unfailing, perfect, eternal and complete work of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who [shall not and] cannot fail! (JOHN 17:1-5; HEBREWS 9:12).

PASTOR **DONNIE BELL**

To Whom Shall We Go?

LORD, TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?

THOU HAST THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE. (JOHN 6:68)

Men and women attend churches for many reasons. To some, the local church is nothing more than a social club, where its members are kept busy with activities that make them feel as though they are doing something profitable for GOD. To others the local assembly is a place where they can offer their sacrifice of time and money, which they feel to be a fulfillment of their religious responsibility and reasonable service. However to those whom GOD has done a work of sovereign grace and mercy in their heart, it is the place where they come to hear [HIS] words of eternal life. Where else, why else, and to whom else would they go?

PASTOR **DAVID EDDMONSON**

NOT OF YOUR HAND, BUT OF HIS

...THAT WHICH WAS TORN, AND THE LAME, AND THE SICK; THUS YE BROUGHT AN OFFERING: SHOULD I ACCEPT THIS OF YOUR HAND?

(MALACHI 1:13)

All we can offer to GOD of *our own hand* is described here by the prophet Malachi, those things which are *torn*, things which are *lame*, and things which are *sick*. (ISAIAH 64:6)

Beloved, the LORD will not accept an offering *of your hand*...look away from your hand and look to HIS hand; HIS hand offers a *pure offering* on the behalf of sinners. Our HIGH PRIEST, the LORD JESUS CHRIST, offers to our HEAVENLY FATHER, of HIS hand, a *pure offering*, through which all our iniquity is pardoned, for we have received of the LORD's hand double for all our sins! Beloved, our warfare, our reconciliation, our salvation is accomplished through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. (MALACHI 1:11, ISAIAH 40:1-2, HEBREWS 10:10, 1 TIMOTHY 1:15)

Friend, don't offer what is *of your hand*, look to him who has offered a *pure offering* for sinners. GOD has provided HIMSELF A LAMB, a well pleasing LAMB that offers the *pure offering* of HIMSELF to save sinners like you and me. If you go to hell, GOD will not be blamed; if you go to hell, it will be because you neglected such a GREAT SAVIOUR; the LORD JESUS CHRIST! *How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;* (HEBREWS 2:3)

Have you heard what was spoken by the LORD JESUS CHRIST? He declares "*He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.*" What a blessed testimony baptism is, it is the answer of a good conscience toward God; a good conscience by the sin purging sacrifice of the LORD JESUS CHRIST. Baptism is a blessed testimony toward GOD *that ye believe on [CHRIST] whom he hath sent*. So what is hindering you to be baptized? Nothing! if you can say, by GOD's underserved grace, "*I believe that JESUS CHRIST is the SON OF GOD.*" May GOD give you grace to believe '*HE shall save you from your sins*'. (MARK 16:16, 1 PETER 3:21, ACTS 8:37, MATTHEW 1:21)

Beloved, we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. (HEBREWS 2:1)

PASTOR